

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Summary of the Amendment

Upon entry of the present Amendment, Claims 3, 7, 13-15, and 19-21 will have been amended, and Claims 1, 6, 9-12, and 16-18 cancelled. Accordingly, Claims 3, 7, 13-15, and 19-22 are currently pending.

By the present Amendment and Remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections have been overcome, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the Office Action and allowance of the present application at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Summary of the Official Office Action

Summary of the Claim Rejections

Claims 6-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, and 9-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph as being incomplete for omitting essential steps, such omission amounting to a gap between the steps.

Claims 6, 7, 16-18, and 19-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claims 1, 6, 9, 10-12, and 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sull (20020069218).

Allowable Claims

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 3, 7, 13-15, and 19-22 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as well as 35 U.S.C. 101 where applicable.

Traversal of Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101

Rejection of Claims 6-9

In lieu of the enclosed Amendments, Applicant believes that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101 has been overcome. As such, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection and indicate that claim 7 is allowable.

Traversal of Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph

Rejection of Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, and 9-22

In lieu of the enclosed Amendments, Applicant believes that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph has been overcome. As such, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection and indicate that claims 3, 7, 13-15, and 19-22 are allowable.

Traversal of Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph

Rejection of Claims 6, 7, 16-18, and 19-21

In lieu of the enclosed Amendments, Applicant believes that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph has been overcome. As such, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection and indicate that claims 7 and 19-21 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing Amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that each and every pending claim of the present application meets the requirements for patentability under 35 U.S.C. 101, and 112. Accordingly, allowance of the present application and all the claims therein is respectfully requested and believed to be appropriate.

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